

REMARKS

The above-identified application was allowed in the Notice of Allowance mailed January 12, 2006. This Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 is being filed before or with the payment of the Issue Fee.

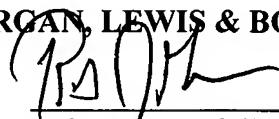
Applicants have amended claim 1 in response to the Examiner's Amendment to conform the language of the claim to the language used in the specification. Applicants respectfully submit that the Amendment does not change the scope of the claim, and therefore, no additional search/examination is required and the patentability of the claim is not affected. Since this Amendment is in response to the Examiner's Amendment contained in the Notice of Allowability, this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 was not able to be proposed earlier.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment. Moreover, Applicants respectfully believe that no fees are due in connection with the filing of this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312. However, if any fees are due in connection with the filing of this paper, please charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310.

Respectfully submitted,

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